

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

---

In re Patent Application of:  
Ian Hunter

Application No.: 10/820,679

Confirmation No.: 8534

Filed: April 8, 2004

Art Unit: 1797

For: METHODS OF LOADING LIQUID  
SAMPLES INTO THROUGH-HOLE  
ARRAYS [**AMENDED**]

---

Examiner: A. Soderquist

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Applicants respectfully request the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicants have not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicants submit herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other

material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

Applicants submit that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 65689CPDV(43382).

Dated: November 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Electronic signature: /Brian R. Landry/

Brian R. Landry

Registration No.: 62,074

Christine C. O'Day

Registration No.: 38,256

EDWARDS ANGELL PALMER & DODGE LLP

P.O. Box 55874

Boston, Massachusetts 02205

(617) 239-0100

Attorneys/Agents For Applicant

Customer No.: 21874